

GREAT RACE FOR GOVERNOR

Many Strong Candidates Will Enter.

TO BE VERY LIVELY BATTLE

General Ayers First to Formally Announce His Candidacy, but Willard, Ellyson, Anderson, Swanson and Others May Be in Final Heat.

While the gubernatorial battle of 1906 is a long way in the future, and while a great many changes may take place before it is finally fought out before the people, yet something seems to have settled beyond any reasonable doubt, and that is, that it will be one of the liveliest witnessed in the State in many years, whoever shall be the candidates in the last heat, and whatever shall be the ultimate result.

It will be the first real State battle subsequent to the going into effect of the new constitution, and by the time it is conducted the lines will have been fully settled, and the ignorant and vicious vie will have been eliminated from all parties, and in every section of the Commonwealth. So it will be in all likelihood a contest between political leaders of courage, honesty and popularity, here a clean and intelligent electorate, fit to choose a ruler for the greatest Commonwealth in any country. So far there have been but few formal announcements as to the intentions of gentlemen to enter the race, but from present indications there is going to be no scarcity of candidates, for the distinguished lawyer, always eagerly though modestly sought, has been fraught with greater dignity and responsibility by the new organ law of the State.

GEN. AYERS FIRST.

The first to make a direct and positive announcement of his candidacy for the governorship is General Rufus A. Ayers, of the Army, former Attorney-General of the State, and a strong leader in the recent Constitutional Convention. General Ayers is widely and favorably known throughout the State, and besides being a fine lawyer, he ranks as a man of splendidness capacity, and is withal popular to a degree with the masses. In the first southwestern section of the State he has long been recognized as a power, both at the bar and in the management of public affairs, and he is expected to poll great strength, especially among the people of his own section. Attorney-General William A. Anderson, of Albemarle, is looked upon as a candidate, and a strong one, though he has up to this time made no formal announcement of his intentions to run. Major Anderson is a strong lawyer, and has grown to be a strong leader in the service of his party and his State. His victory for Attorney-General in the Norfolk convention last year was a most remarkable one, and was achieved by his strong personality from the jaws of defeat. It looked almost upon the day of the meeting of the body of the former Senator John L. Jeffries, of Culpeper, would win the prize in a rank, but when Major Anderson carried his forces upon the ground, he and the former Senator were both defeated. Ayers' greatest strength will be in the Valley section, though he is very popular in nearly every section of the State.

WILLARD AND SWANSON.

But these are not all who are expected to run in the gubernatorial field. The great race which is foreboded for 1906, Lieutenant-Governor Joseph E. Willard, of Fairfax, will undoubtedly be in the running, and the friends of Congressman Claude A. Swanson, of Chatham, expect him to try his hand for the honor once more. Captain Willard

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Is a young man of widespread popularity, and his campaign for his present position of Lieutenant-Governor brought him in close touch with the people all over the State. Captain Willard is a lawyer, a man of great wealth, and his manner and bearing are such as to make him friends everywhere he goes. Congressman Swanson has been through the mill once, and was as manly in victory as in defeat as he could have been in victory. His course at Norfolk undoubtedly made him friends, and he certainly had a great many of them before he made his splendid appeal to his devoted followers to stand loyally by his successful opponent, Mr. Swanson has not said positively that he will run again, but he is known to cherish the ambitions which fired his heart in the last struggle, and he is expected at the proper time to get into the race with both feet.

LONG PARTY SERVICE.
Upon the ground of faithful party service, cheerfully rendered, without the hope of reward, the friends of Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, of this city, will insist upon pressing his claims for the Governorship, and while he has not said that he will run, he is known not to be averse to serving a term as Chief Magistrate of his State. Mr. Ellyson needs no word of commendation to the Virginia people, having served the Democratic party as its State chairman for nearly twelve years, and never having lost a single battle, Mr. Ellyson has filled many positions of honor and trust and is not without executive experience, having been Mayor of his native city for a number of years. He also served several terms in the State Senate, and has been active in party affairs for a great number of years. It is expected that all the gentlemen mentioned above will stand for the Governorship, and still others have been mentioned. Notable among the latter class is former Congressman Harry St. George Tucker, of Staunton, who is being urged by his friends to enter the race. In any event there will be enough aspirants to make the race a very lively one, and its outcome will be looked for with great interest.

MARQUISE WENTWORTH PROUD OF HER CREST

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PARIS, April 25.—Owing to the publicity given to the fact of the Marquise de Wentworth, of New York, using the crest of the Countess of Stafford on her stationery because of her husband's lineal descent from Thomas, Earl of Stafford, the Marquise has made the following statement:

"My titles are all recognitions of my art work. The only exception is that which comes to us from the Earl of Stafford. I am now the only woman painter living who has been made a Knight of the Legion of Honor. Rosa Bonheur was also similarly honored. There are two other American women decorated, but for other reasons.

"I am also an officer of the academy and an officer of public instruction. These decorations were likewise given to me for my art work. The Pope made me a Marquise because of my religious paintings.

"These titles do not make me less American, for I have received them, not because they are titles, but because they are so many recognitions of my art.

"Yes, I go to good society when I have time. The Ellyses balls and receptions are just as brilliant as they were under the Empire. Mrs. Leubert is not as pretty as was the Empress Eugenie, but she is gracious and winsome. Mme. Delesse's receptions are very elegant.

"Mme. Paul Deschanel is one of the most distinguished-looking young matrons in Paris. I keep up my American self also, and I go when I can to America to get a whiff of the air of God's own country."

HORSES AND HORSEMEN

Breeding, Rearing and Developing Hunters, Jumpers.

THOSE AT HAMPTON FARM

Mr. Harden's Trotters—Skyland Girl, Boscobel's Cracks—Hackneys Go to New York—Sale of Whitby and Other Fast Ones.

Breeding, rearing and developing hunters and jumpers has assumed important proportions in Virginia live-stock circles, and the industry is one that richly merits the encouragement and support of breeders and farmers in general. These horses, usually and preferably, too, perhaps, are the product of thoroughbred sires from general purpose mares, and many of them bred and reared on our native heath have gone out and captured the highest honors in the greatest of American show rings and in hunting fields known the world over. Probably the best known centers of this business industry are Warrenton, in Fauquier county; Leesburg, in Loudoun county and Charlottesville, in Albemarle county, which are in the midst of rich grazing districts, but there are scores of establishments in other sections that have attained prominence and whose products have gained fame and the smile of fortune as well.

The season has been a busy one at Hampton Farm, and the big stable of hunters and jumpers has been thinned down considerably by a number of quite important sales. The farm is in Fairfax county and just three miles out from the old Virginia town of Alexandria. Hampton, with its broad acres, is the ancestral home of Courland H. Smith, who directs affairs, and in all Virginia there is probably not a bolder or more intrepid horseman. In addition to the horses at Hampton, shorthorn cattle and South-down sheep are also kept, and these, with poultry of all kinds, help to make the establishment a paying institution. Since the beginning of spring a new and profitable market has been found in Kansas City, and the sales of Firebrand, Roscommon, The Greyling, Montrose and another light-weight hunters were followed by those of Marmion, b. g., 16.2, up to 200 pounds, by Marmion Well-Over, b. g., 16.2, up to 200 pounds, by Jake Shipsey, Valley Boy, b. g., 16.1, up to 180 pounds, by Jake Shipsey, Blue Bottle, blue roan g., 16 hands, up to 180 pounds, by golden Deer, Troone, br. m., 16 hands, up to 180 pounds, by Philadelphia, ch. g., 15.8, up to 190 pounds, by Guardman, Minerva, ch. m., 16 hands, up to 180 pounds, by Torchlight, The Witch, br. m., 16 hands, up to 175 pounds, by Romney, Panther, b. g., 15.3, up to 175 pounds, by Prather, Milk Maid, br. m., 15.2, up to 160 pounds, by Tecumseh, Mr. Dooley, b. g., 16 hands, up to 225 pounds, by Zuave, Scatterdash, 16 hands, up to 175 pounds, by Deluric, Cascade, b. g., 15.3 hands, up to 160 pounds, by Imp. Water Level, Juniate, b. m., 16 hands, up to 175 pounds, by Biscellor, Archduke, b. g., 16.2, up to 200 pounds, by Jake Shipsey, and The Lamb, gr. g., 15.3, who has a record of 6 feet 5 inches, and is up to 150 pounds, by Botheater. The schooling and handling of these horses represented both care and outlay, but the outcome was satisfactory and they averaged over \$500.

The Hampton Farm Stable has recently been strengthened by new additions, and the ring is now the best ever owned on the place. Its most important and best-known members are, of course, the well-known prize winners Up-to-Date, Tip-Top, Chapple Lee and Onconquitt, all of whom are in grand shape and are constantly expected to duplicate their victories of other years when taken down the line of horse shows this season. The new ones, however, include Flambeau, ch. g., 16 hands, by Torchlight, who is a fine-looker and able to jump 5 feet 7 inches; Siskieron, ch. g., 16.2, and up to 225 pounds and can jump close to six feet; Potential, b. g., 15.3, by Imp. Potentate, dam Mollie, by Imp. Blythwood, a grand type with perfect conformation and safe for a lady, while up to 180 pounds and can carry any country; Duke of Hampton, b. g., 15.3, up to 180 pounds, by William T. dam Best Girl—this horse is a grand fencer with nice mouth and manners as well; Senegal Rad, ch. g., 15.1, by Calcutta, dam Columbia, a perfect type of the thoroughbred, look with perfect mouth along with manners and good enough to win in the best company down the line of horse shows; Fire Light, ch. g., 15.3, 4, by Torchlight, dam nearly thoroughbred, one of the clean bred galloping sort rarely found, up to 175 pounds; Buck, ch. g., 16.2 5, by Merry Lad, is a grand big youngster, up to top weight and fast with it, while a magnificent fencer; Daylight, b. g., 16.5, 5, by Torchlight—this gelding is up to 230 pounds and one of the fastest weight carriers of his day, and over five feet; Courageous, b. g., 16.2, 6, by Zuave, dam by Underwood, is a big one without flaw or fault, and can both fence and gallop, and some dozen or more other good ones, among them the fine broan gelding Brigadier, by Guardman, and one of the finest horses ever sired by him.

Among the most enthusiastic horsewomen here are Mrs. Stevens and Miss Helen Stevens, wife and daughter of Mr. George W. Stevens, president of the O. R. C. Co. Mrs. Stevens has for a coach team a handsome pair of coal-black geldings, while as a saddle she uses the white gelding Rowdy, who goes all the gaits and jumps well. She also owns the good-looking chestnut gelding Fox, who has carried off blue ribbons in the show ring when shown in the class for combined saddle and harness horses. Miss Stevens does not ride to hounds, but she has a firm seat and light hands, and is regarded as both an accomplished and successful equirienne. Her mounts are the handsome chestnut mare Lady Franklin, thoroughbred, and the bay gelding Dandy, who is sixteen hands high and seven years old. Dandy was selected by Lexington, Ky., for Miss Stevens by Col. H. H. Grundy, of the Stevens stable, will be shipped during the following week to the fine country place Glenlyne, near the Natural Bridge in Rockbridge county, where they will be kept until fall.

Among the horses in the training stable of George M. Harden, Raleigh, N. C., are the big chestnut mare Petronel, 2:19.3-4, by Expedition, 2:15.3-4, dam Petrel, by Onward, who made her record in 1902 and is likely to go much faster this season; Sweet Rector, bay horse, 5, by Fire, 2:17.1-4, dam Sweet Alca, by Alcazar, and John T. Moore, the bay pacing stallion foaled 1899, by Hal Woodrider, dam by Locomotive, second dam by John Dillard, Jr., who is well formed, handsome in harness and has a nice way of going. This horse was brought to North Carolina by T. M. Arrasmith, of Greensboro, who named him for Trotwood, the widely-known poet, author, charming turf writer and horseman, of Columbia, Tenn., and the son of Hal Woodrider promises to be a credit to the

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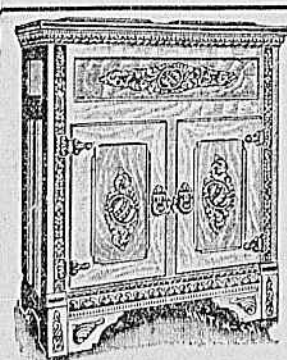
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The brown pacing mare Skyland Girl, 2:19.1-4, by Simmons, who was so successfully campaigned during 1902 by George F. Dyer, then of Greensboro, N. C., but now at the Fair Grounds track, Lynchburg, Va., is now in the stable of A. H. Tyson, Newark, Del., who will race her this season. Mammie Woods, 2:20, the dam of this mare, was purchased while in foal and taken to Winston, N. C., by R. J. Reynolds, the head of the noted Southern manufacturing house of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, and foaled his property. Mr. Reynolds is still interested in fine harness horses, but of recent years has turned his attention to breeding coaches.

The former Virginian, Mr. Algernon between Washington, D. C., and Lexington, Ky., and has for several years been assistant secretary of the Washington Jockey Club, has been appointed clerk of the scales of the metropolitan club of the Jockey Club of the United States. This is the most powerful organization in the country and the position is an important one. Mr. Dalgnerfield began his career as a horseman and connection with turf circles at Harrisonburg in the Valley of Virginia. Dand has since become widely known in racing circles.

The Boscobel Farm stable of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hunkamp, Fredericksburg, Va., includes some choice young horses in addition to a few older ones that will be taken down the line of horse shows this season.

Grand old Hornpipe, the big sturdy roan, son of Young Sanford; Amaret, the crack high jumper, and others will compete for honors in select company with Mr. Hunkamp up, Amaret has cleared the bars at dizzy heights, while Hornpipe has figured as a winner season after season, when pitted against the best in the land, and can usually be depended upon to do his best whenever called upon.

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John G. White, Leesburg, Va., has sold through W. D. Grand, of the American Horse Exchange, New York, eight half-bred hackneys, all of whom were high-bred Virginia horses, among them Lord Fairfax, the prize team Threads and Patches and Gray Eagle.

Joseph Lassiter, the Richmond Horse Tazear, has made a number of sales of well-known trotters and pacers recently, among those passing through his hands being Whitby, 2:18.1-4; Florence Miles, 2:21.1-4; Kitty B., 2:23.1-4; Lenore Russell, Rose Bow, Oracle and others.

The former well-known Virginia-bred pacing mare, Princess Eulalie, 2:17, by Prince Belmont, dam by Red Jacket, owned by the Hon. W. R. McKenney, Petersburg, Va., foaled on March 5th, a fine filly by Judge Fox the sire of Coxy, 2:13. BROAD ROCK.

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